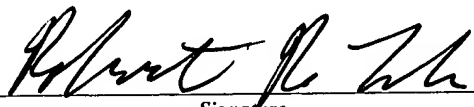



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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37.CFR 1.136(a) (Small Entity)			Docket No. 22727.04060	
In Re Application Of: McDonald et al.				
Serial No. 09/591,432		Filing Date June 9, 2000	Examiner Ryan J. Miller	Group Art Unit 2621
Invention: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR DETERMINING A SEED VIGOR INDEX FROM GERMINATING SEEDLINGS BY AUTOMATIC SEPARATION OF OVERLAPPED SEEDLINGS				
<u>TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:</u>				
This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of <u>April 22, 2003</u> in the above-identified application. Date				
The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired): <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"><input type="checkbox"/> One month<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Two months<input type="checkbox"/> Three months<input type="checkbox"/> Four months<input type="checkbox"/> Five months</div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;">from: <u>July 22, 2003</u>until: <u>September 22, 2003</u></div> <div style="margin-left: 100px;">DateDate</div>				
A verified statement of small entity status as a small entity under 37 CFR 1.27: <div><input type="checkbox"/> is enclosed.</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> has already been filed in this application.</div>			<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 0 auto; width: 150px;">RECEIVED OCT 23 2003 Technology Center 2600</div>	
The fee for the extension of time is \$205 and is to be paid as follows: <div><input type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.</div> <div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 03-0172</div> <div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 03-0172</div>				
<div style="text-align: center;"> Signature</div>			Dated: September 22, 2003	
Robert R. Lech, Esq. (Reg. No. 37,169) Calfee, Halter & Griswold LLP 21 East State St., Suite 1100 Columbus, OH 43215-4243 (P) 614-621-7101			<div>I certify that this document and fee is being deposited September 22, 2003 with the U.S. Postal Service as first class mail under 37 C.F.R. 1.8 and is addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.</div> <div style="text-align: center;"> Signature of Person Mailing Correspondence</div> <div style="text-align: center;">Robert R. Lech Typed or Printed Name of Person Mailing Correspondence</div>	